

**Remarks**

Claims 1, 3-7, 11 and 17 are currently pending in the Application and Claim 11 is canceled herein without prejudice.

**Summary of claim amendments**

This response identifies Claim 18 as new.

The comments and arguments filed on October 31, 2007 are incorporated herein by reference.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

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